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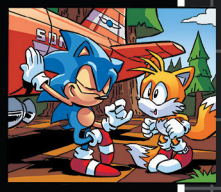

After stopping Dr. Eggman's take-over of South Island, Sonic returned to Westside Island to fully drive the mad doctor from the Kingdom of Acorn! With the burgeoning Freedom Fighters at his side, Sonic liberated zone after zone, rolling back Dr. Eggman's conquest!

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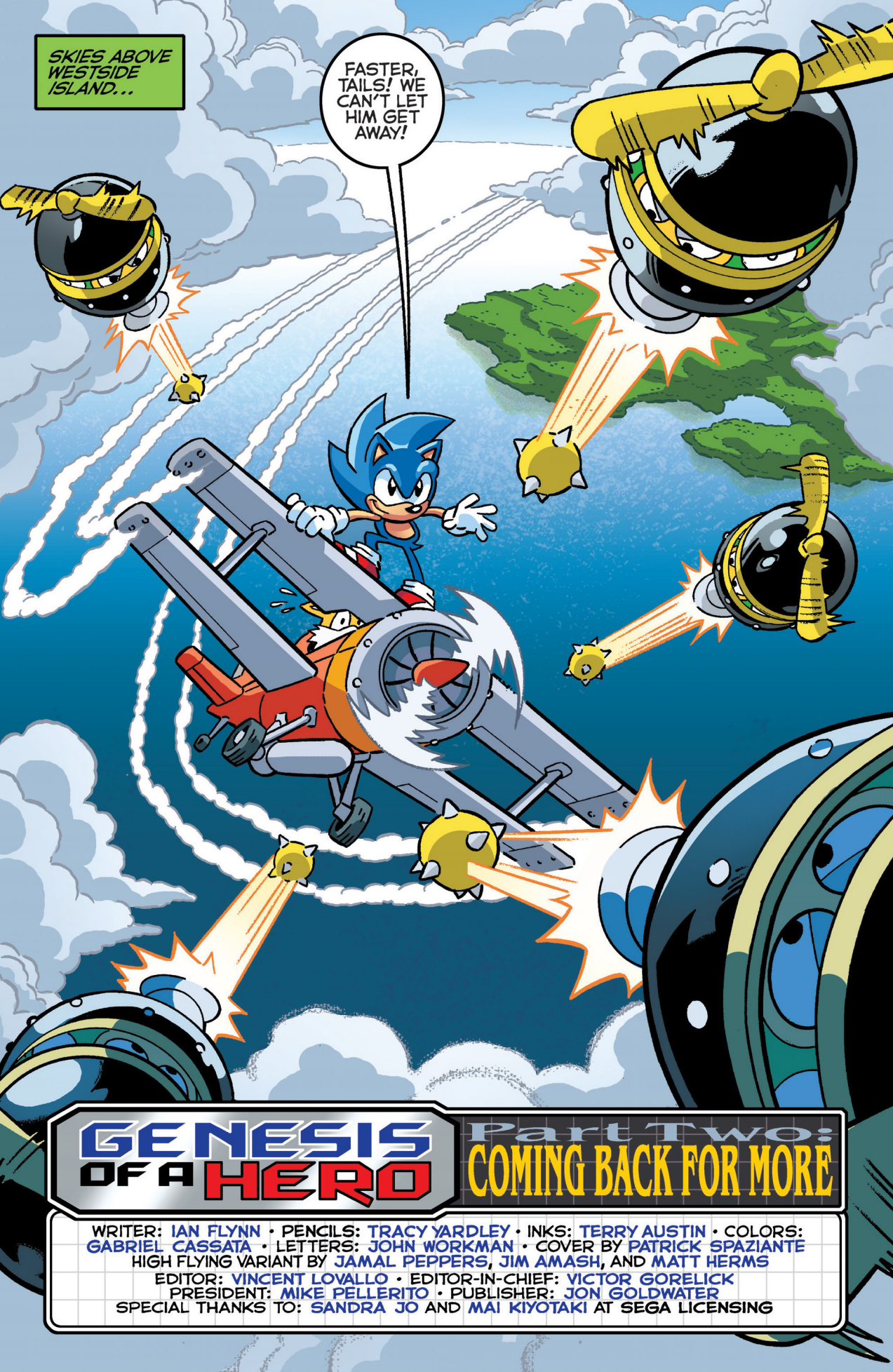

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Part Two: COMING BACK FOR MORE

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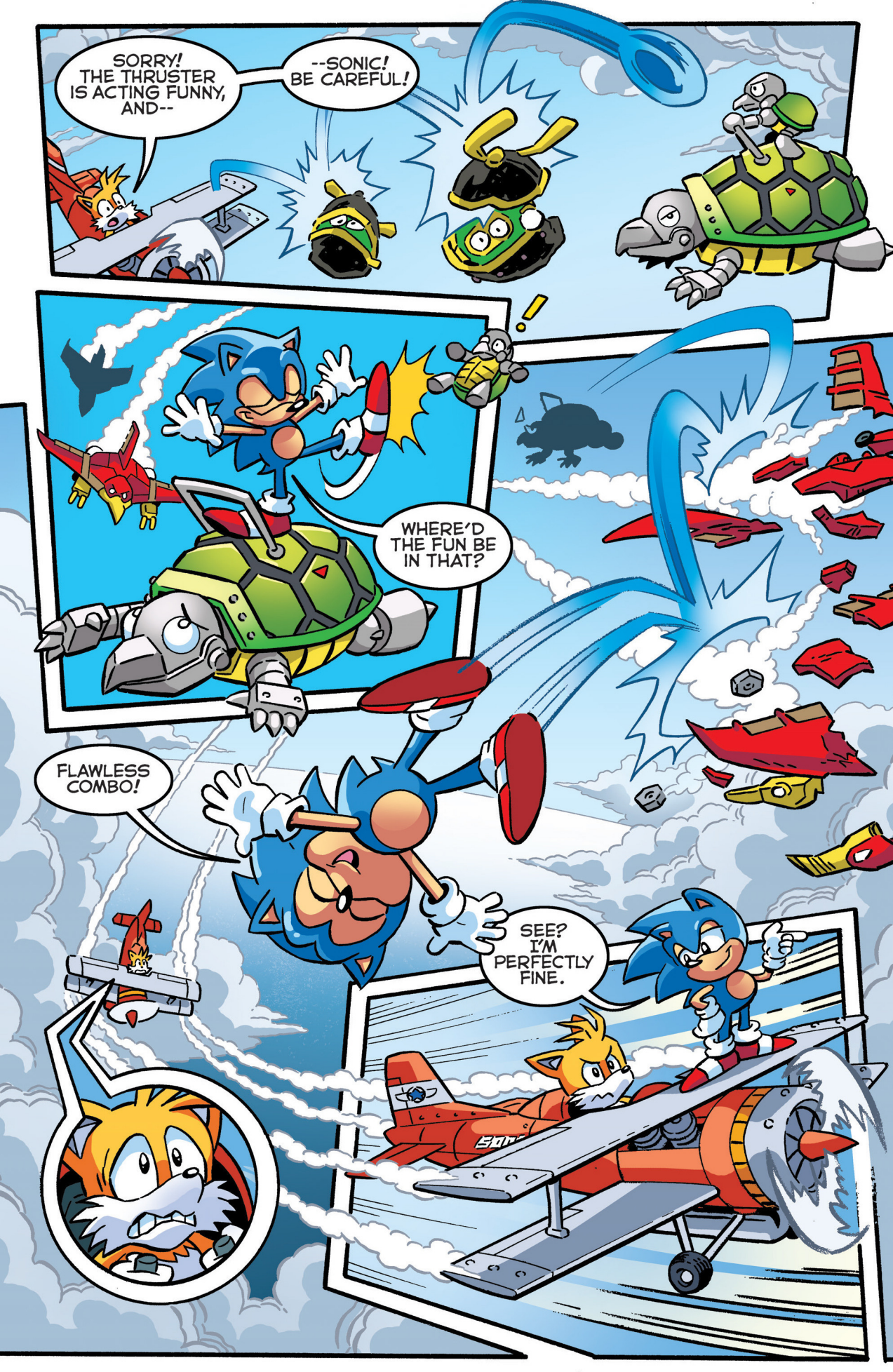
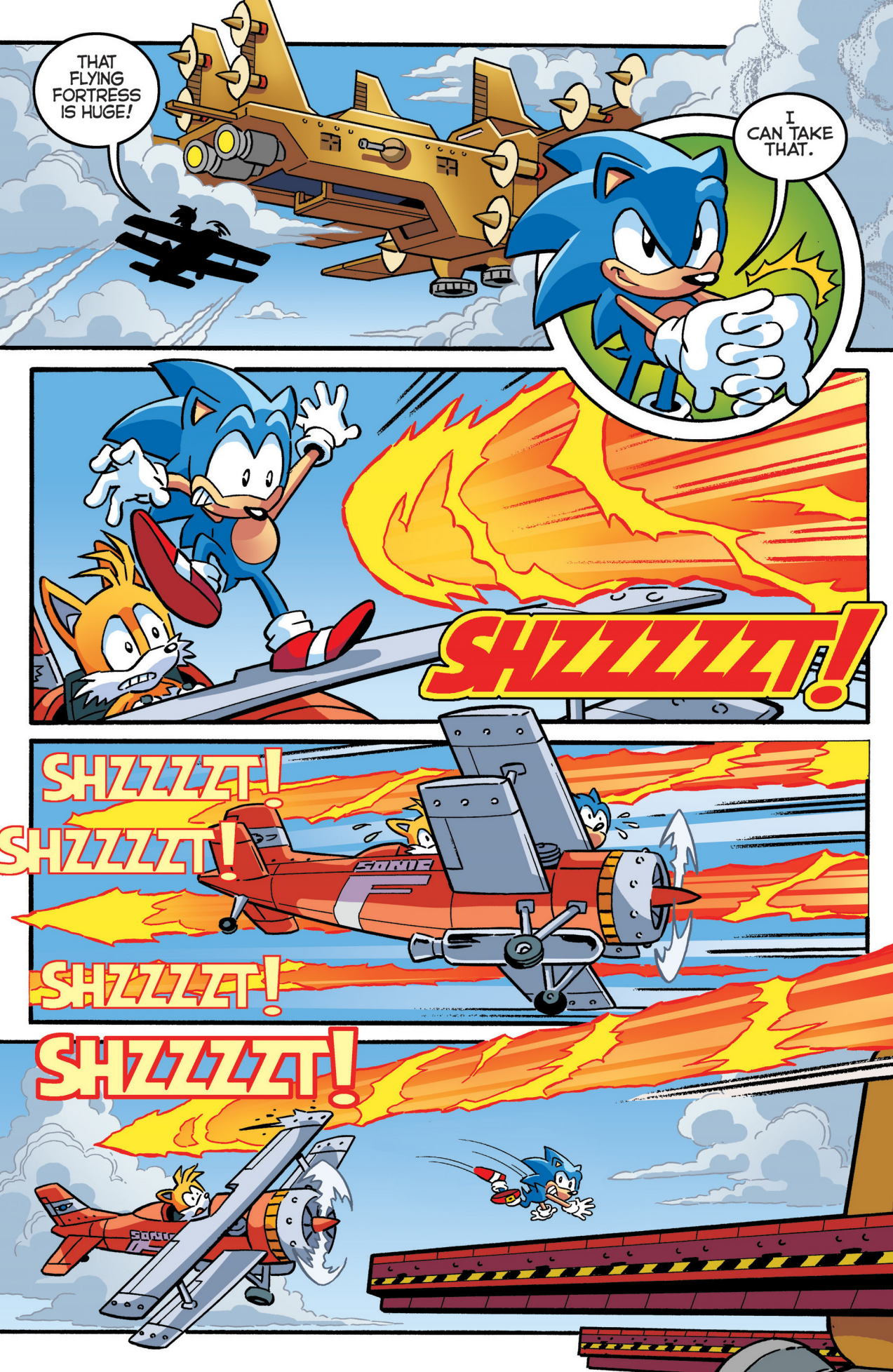
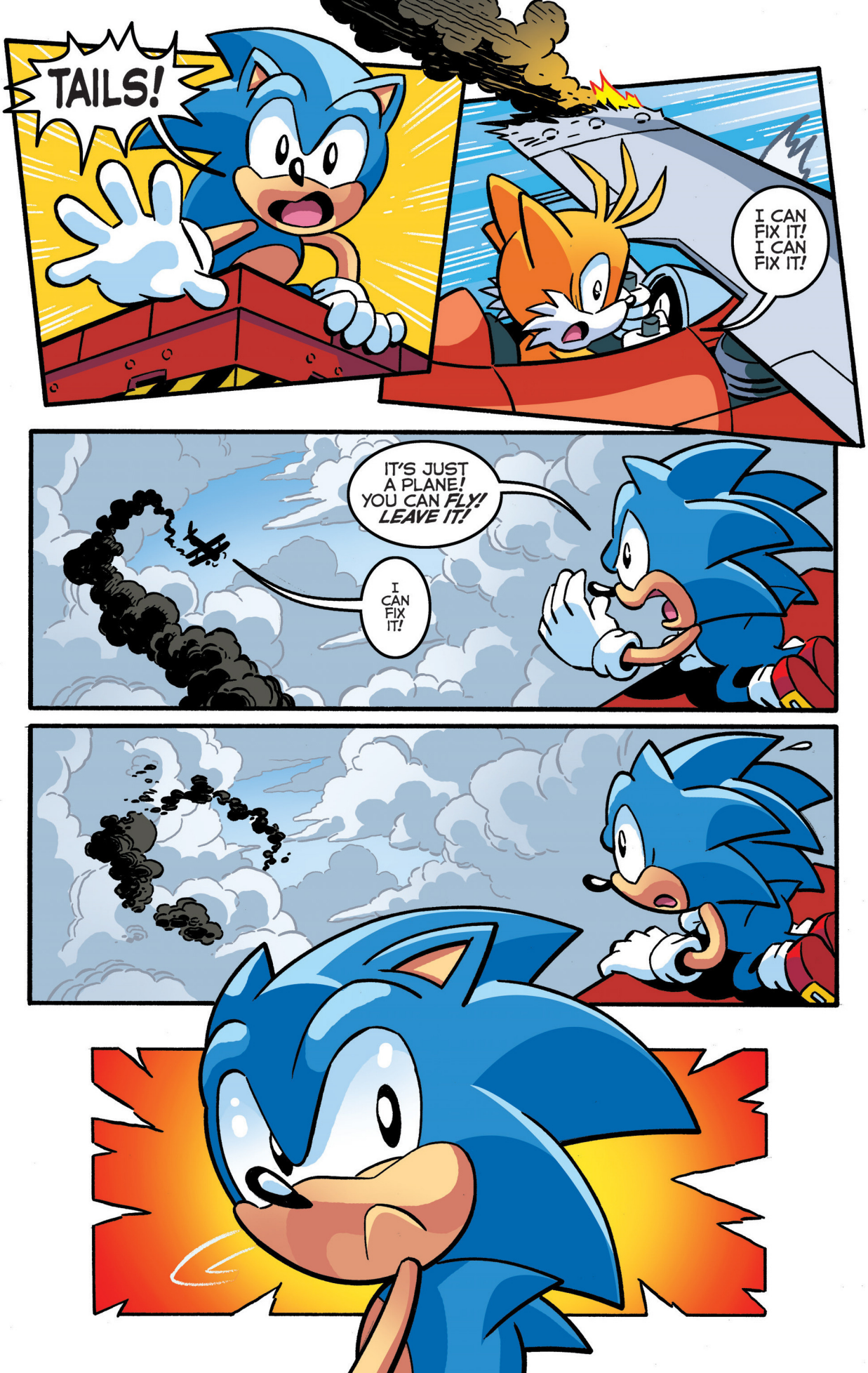
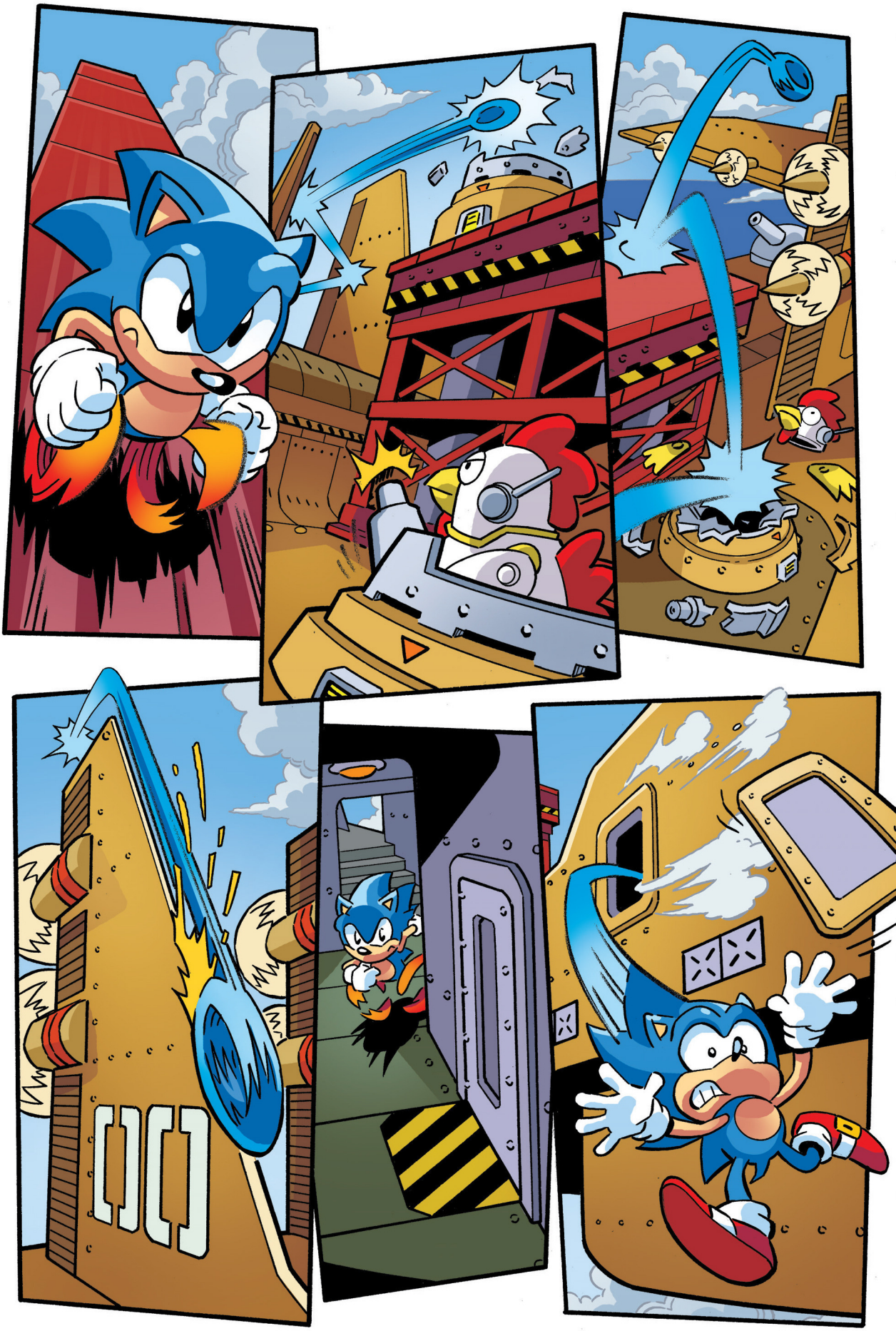
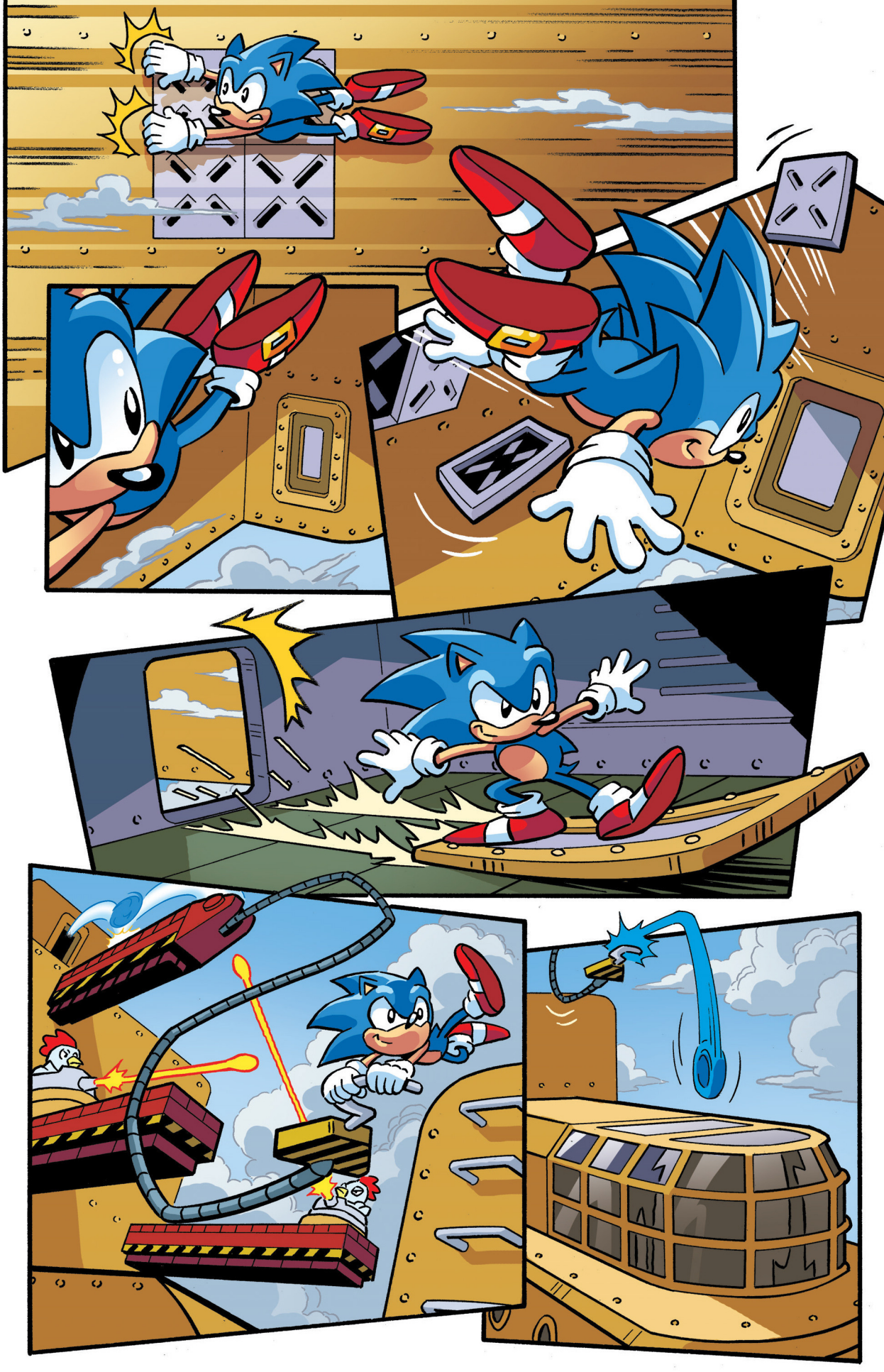
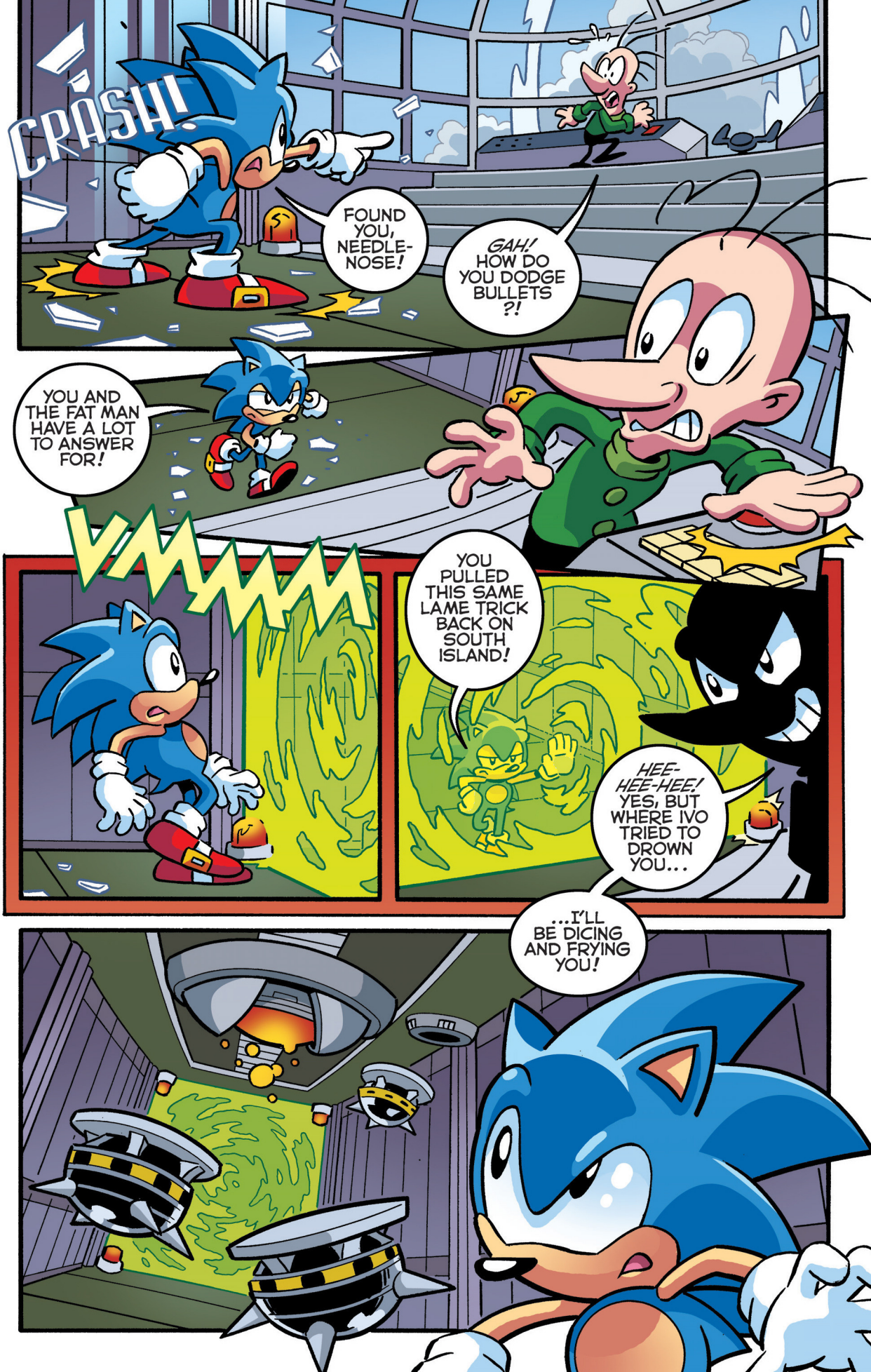

SORRY! THE THRUSTER IS ACTING FUNNY, AND--
--SONIC! BE CAREFUL!
WHERE'D THE FUN BE IN THAT?
FLAWLESS COMBO!
SEE? I'M PERFECTLY FINE.

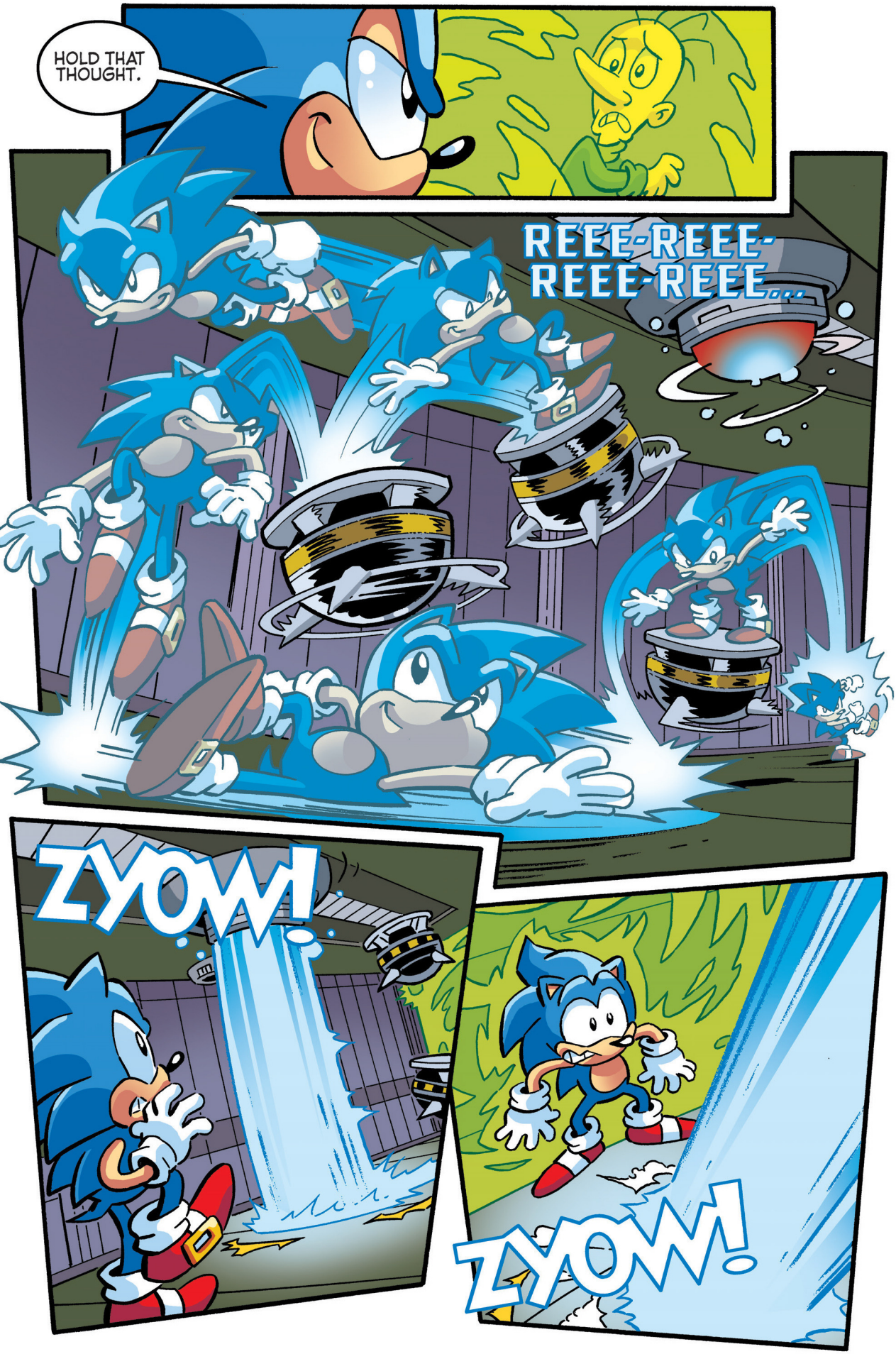

THAT FLYING FORTRESS IS HUGE!
I CAN TAKE THAT.
SHZZZZT!
SHZZZZT!
SHZZZZT!
SHZZZZT!
SHZZZZT!
SONIC

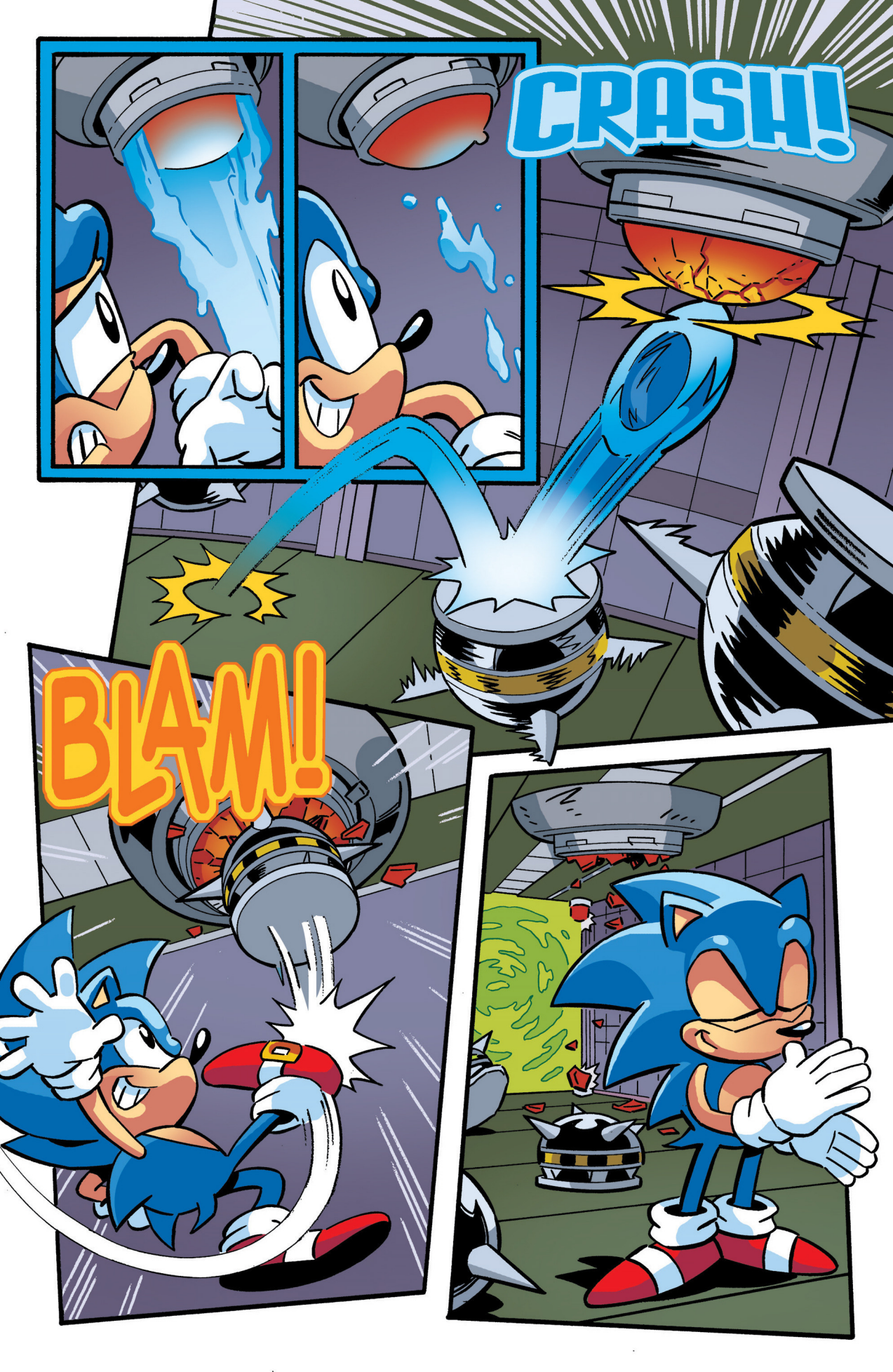

TAILS!
I CAN FIX IT! I CAN FIX IT!
IT'S JUST A PLANE! YOU CAN *FLY!* *LEAVE IT!*
I CAN FIX IT!






CRASH!
FOUND YOU, NEEDLE-NOSE!
GAH! HOW DO YOU DODGE BULLETS ?!
YOU AND THE FAT MAN HAVE A LOT TO ANSWER FOR!
VMMMMM
YOU PULLED THIS SAME LAME TRICK BACK ON SOUTH ISLAND!
HEE-HEE-HEE! YES, BUT WHERE IVO TRIED TO DROWN YOU...
...I'LL BE DICING AND FRYING YOU!


HOLD THAT THOUGHT.
REEE-REEE-
REEE-REEE...
ZYOW!
ZYOW!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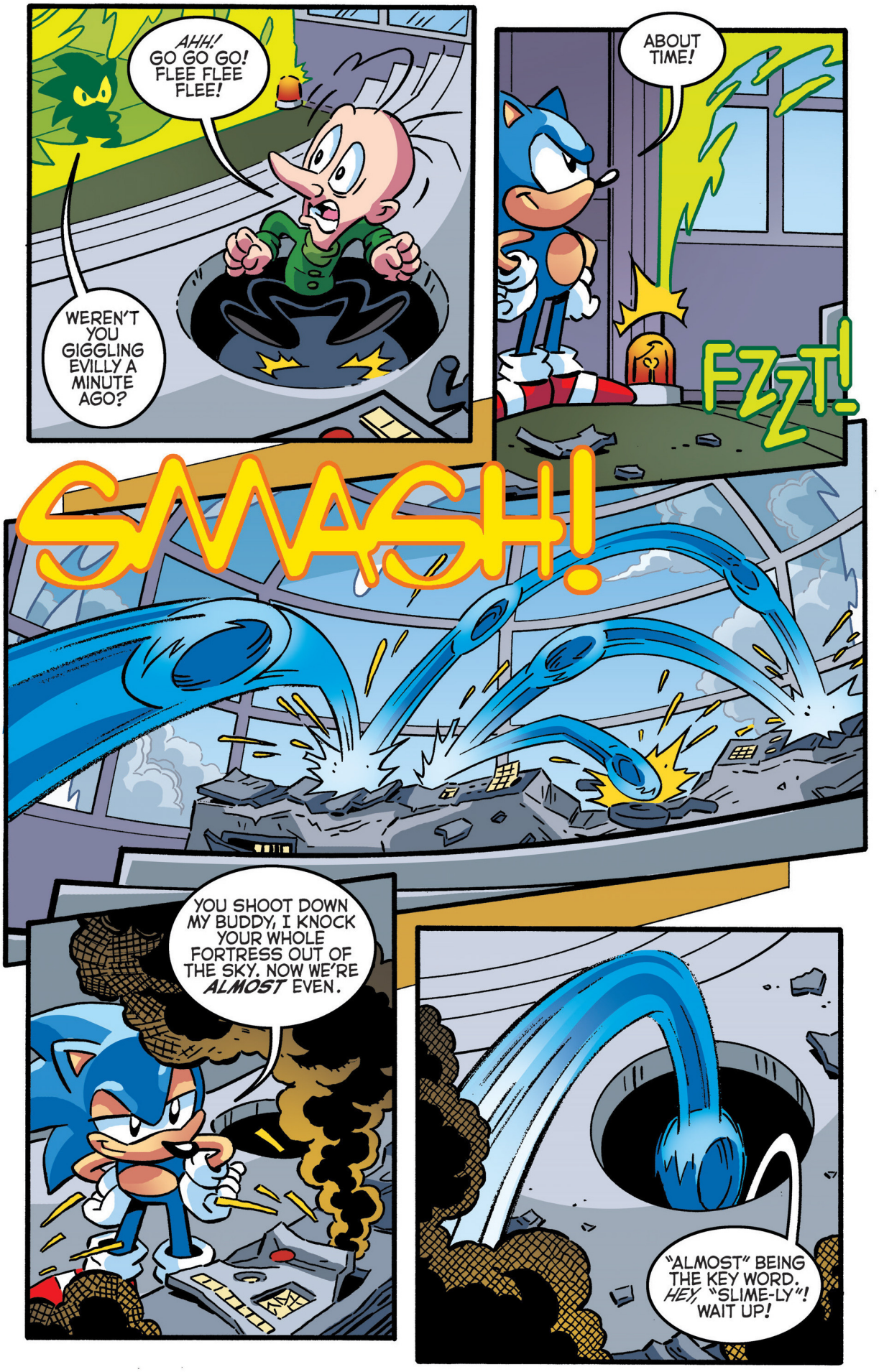
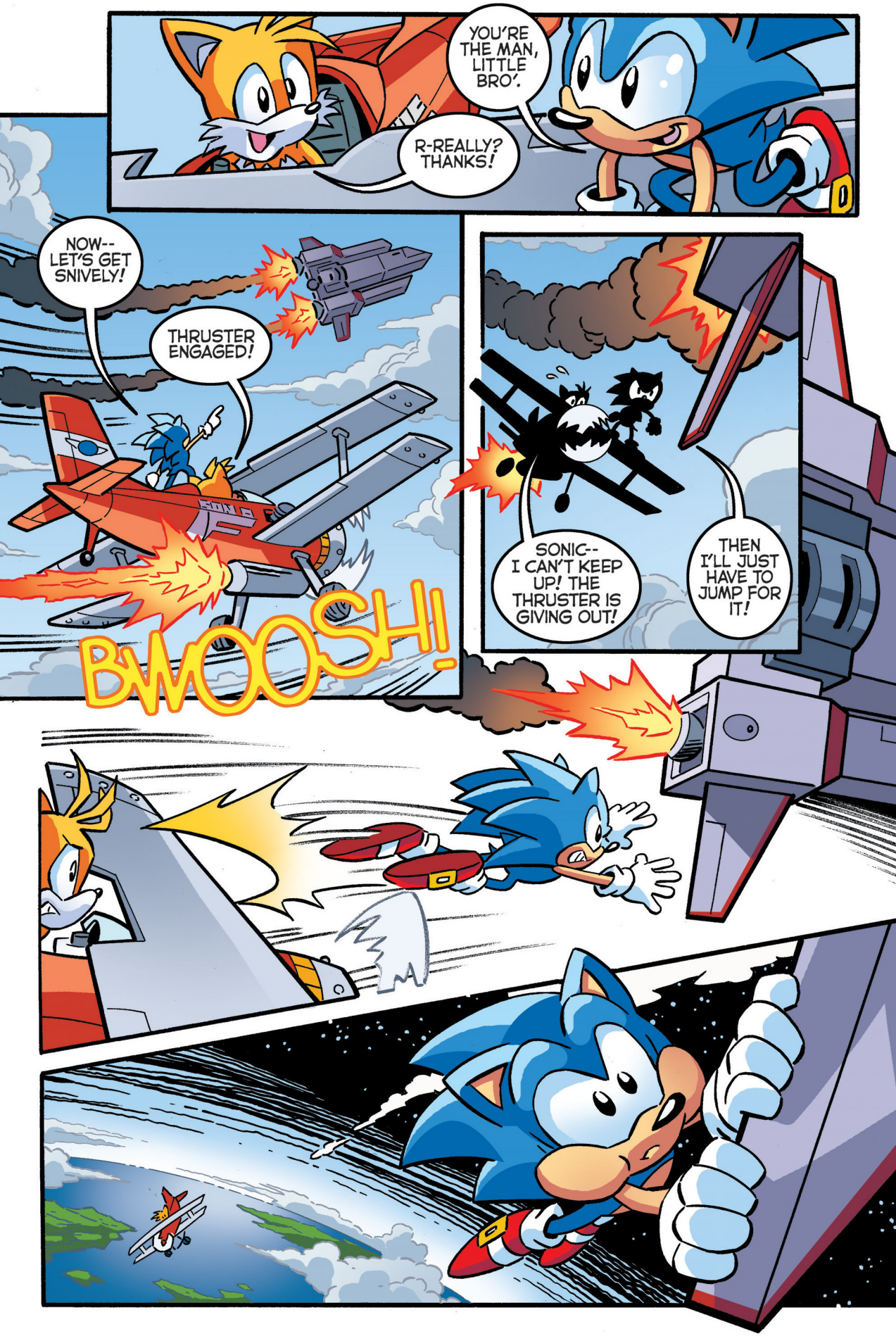
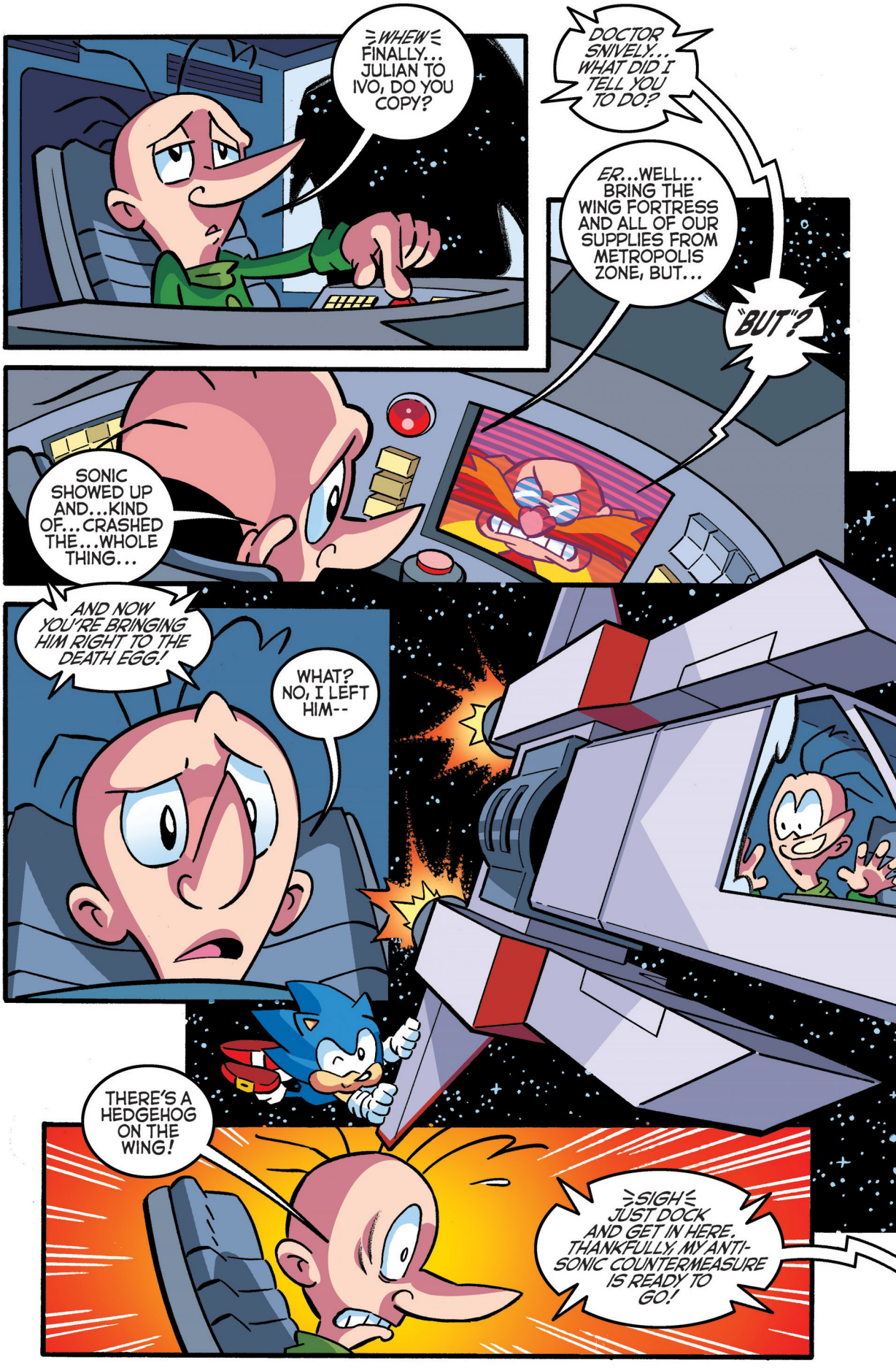
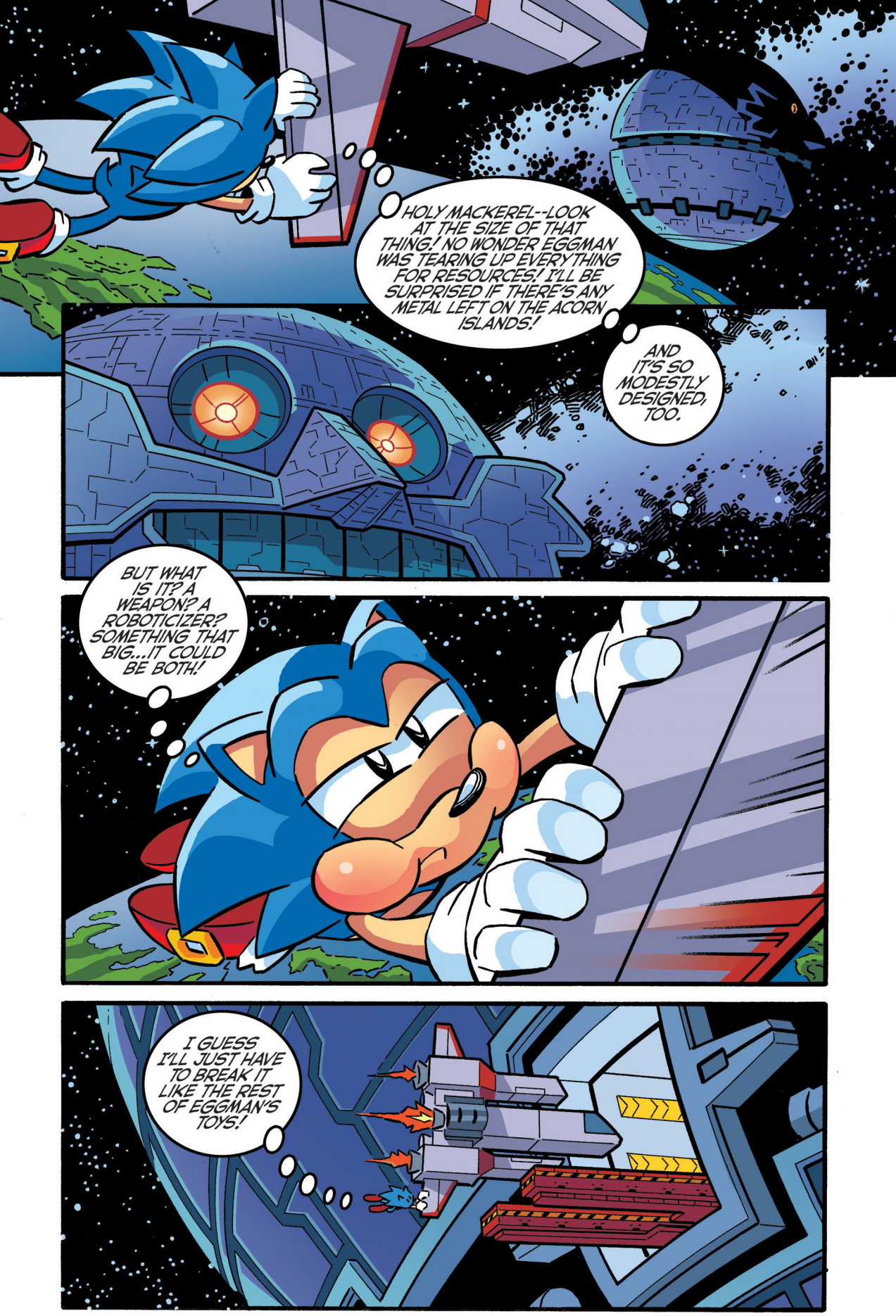
BLAM!

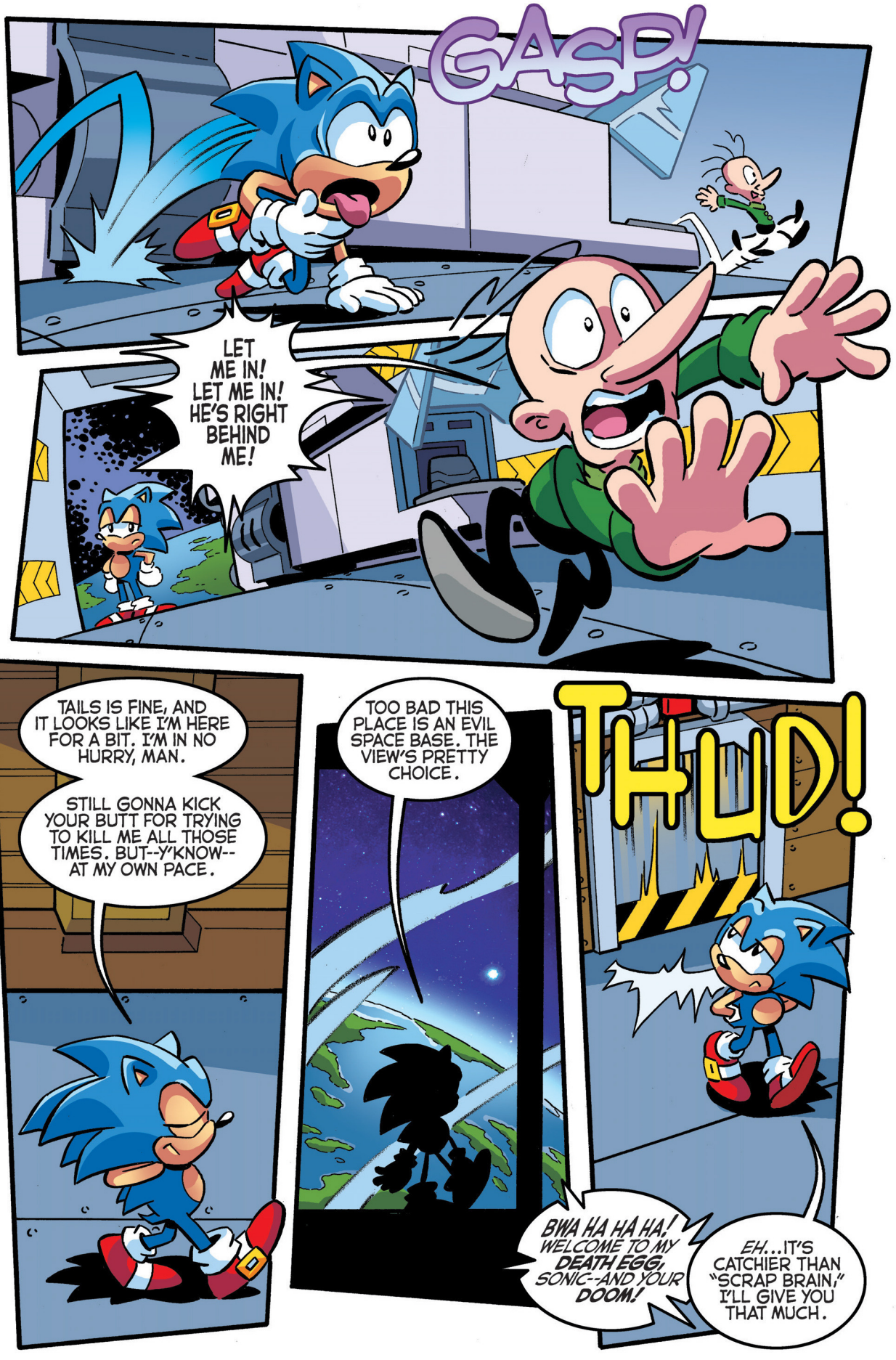

AHH! GO GO GO! FLEE FLEE FLEE!
WEREN'T YOU GIGGLING EVILLY A MINUTE AGO?
ABOUT TIME!
FZZT!
SMASH!
YOU SHOOT DOWN MY BUDDY, I KNOCK YOUR WHOLE FORTRESS OUT OF THE SKY. NOW WE'RE ALMOST EVEN.
"ALMOST" BEING THE KEY WORD. HEY, "SLIME-LY"! WAIT UP!

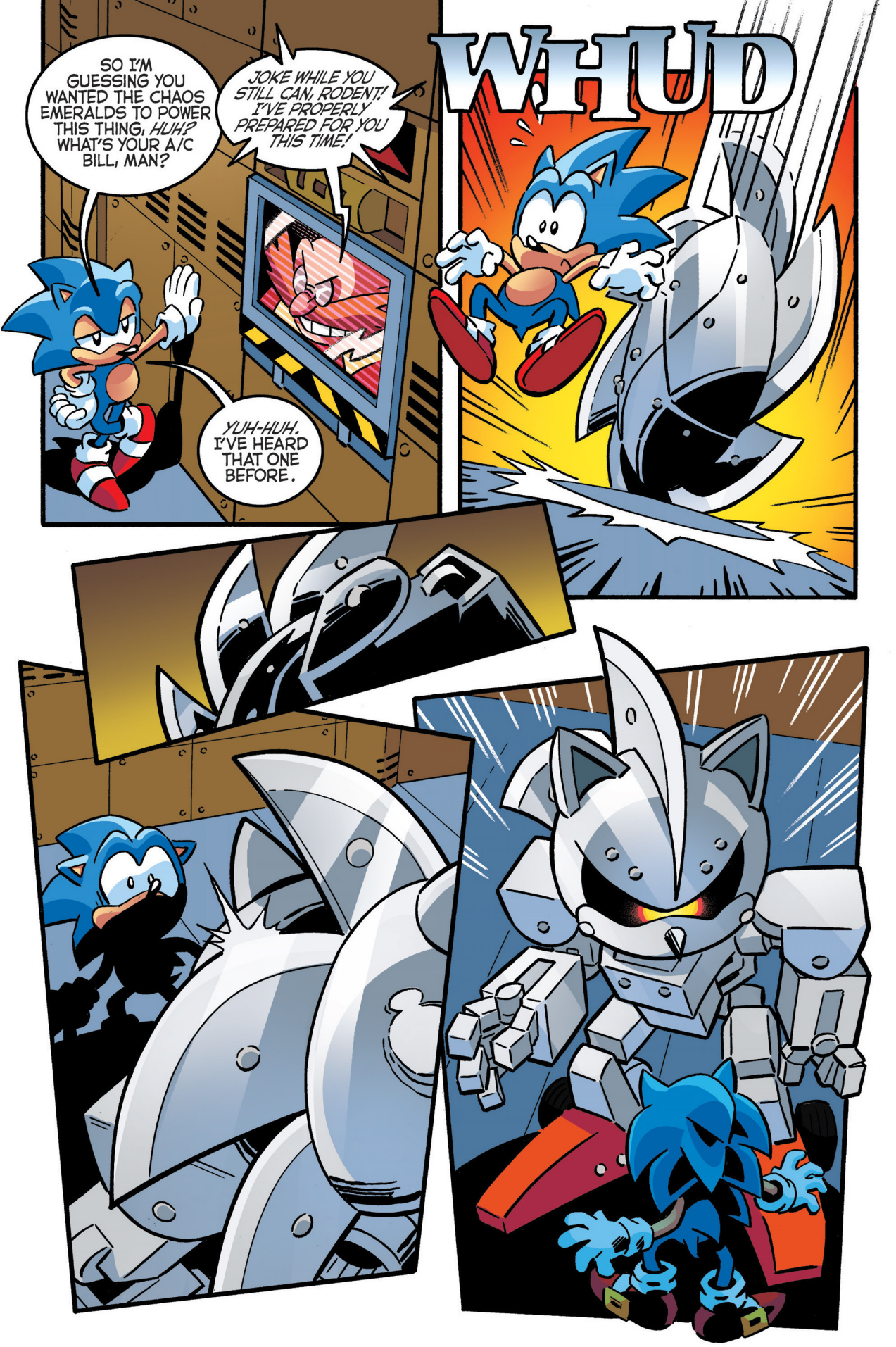
BWOOSH!
DANG IT. LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING DOWN WITH THE SHIP.
TAILS!
YOU'RE *OKAY!*
I *TOLD YOU* I COULD FIX IT!

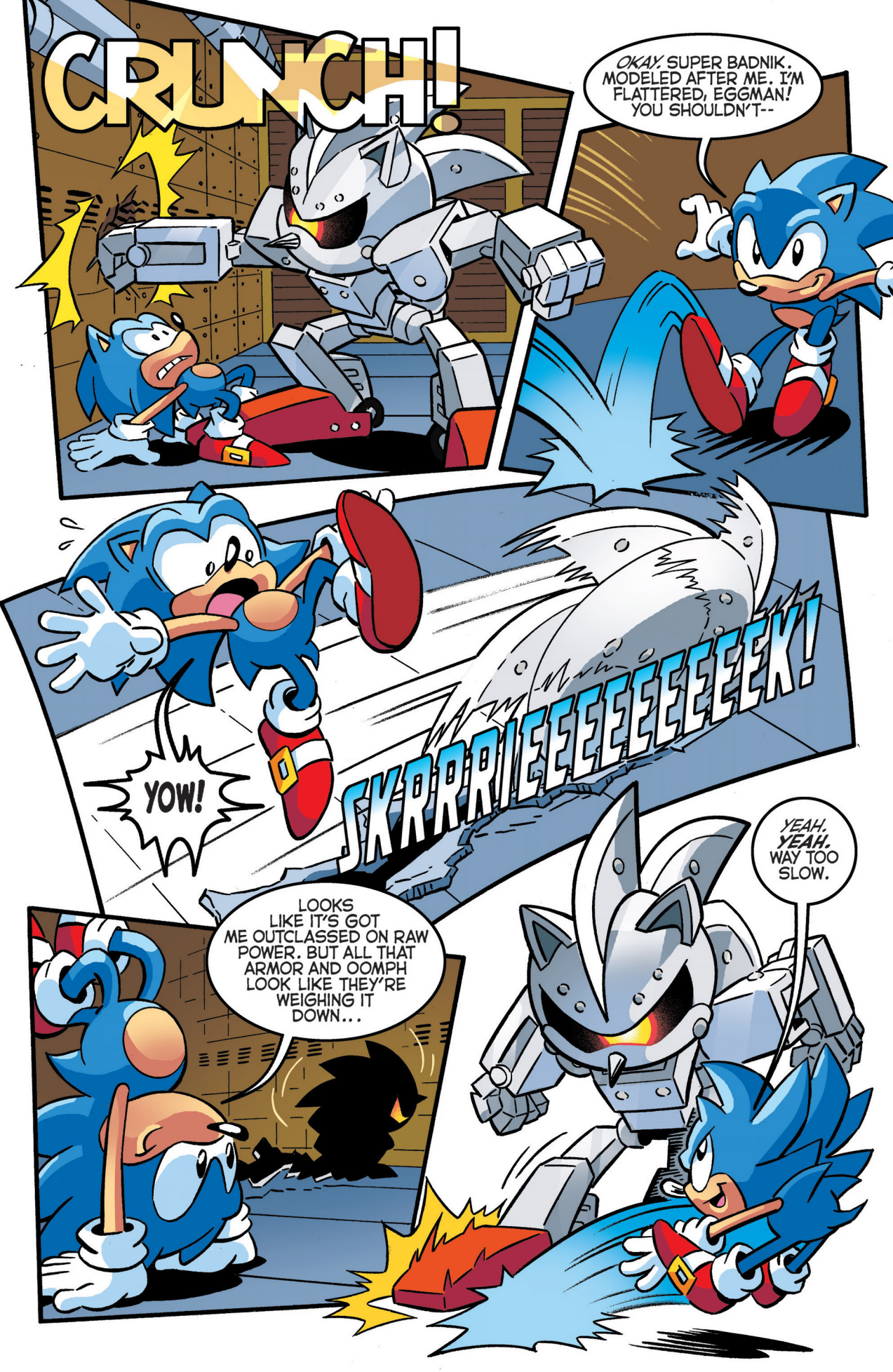

YOU'RE THE MAN, LITTLE BRO'.
R-REALLY? THANKS!
NOW-- LET'S GET SNIVELY!
THRUSTER ENGAGED!
BWOOSH!
SONIC-- I CAN'T KEEP UP! THE THRUSTER IS GIVING OUT!
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO JUMP FOR IT!

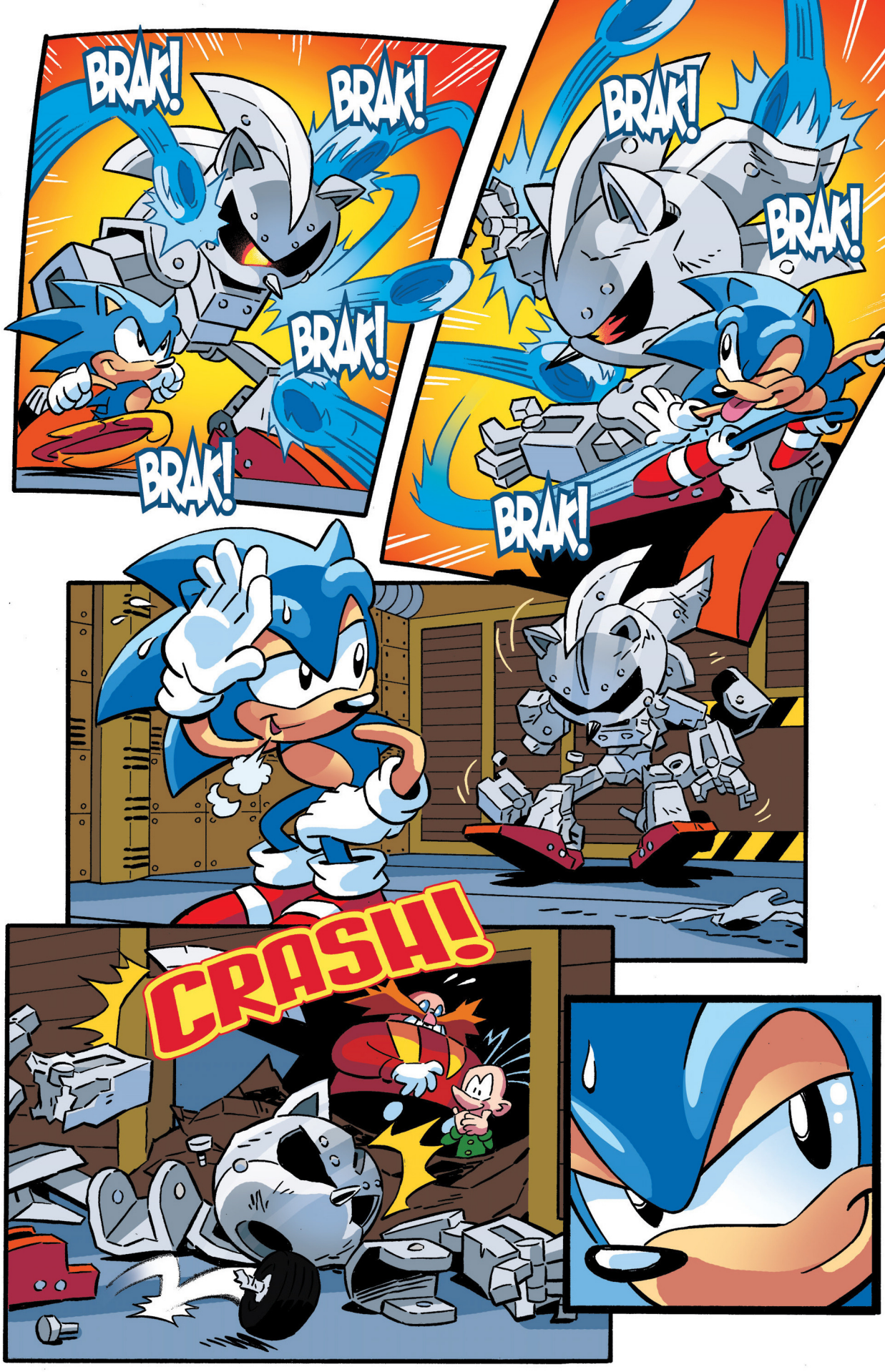

≥WHEW≤ FINALLY... JULIAN TO IVO, DO YOU COPY?
DOCTOR SNIVELY... WHAT DID I TELL YOU TO DO?
ER...WELL... BRING THE WING FORTRESS AND ALL OF OUR SUPPLIES FROM METROPOLIS ZONE, BUT...
"BUT"?
SONIC SHOWED UP AND...KIND OF...CRASHED THE...WHOLE THING...
AND NOW YOU'RE BRINGING HIM RIGHT TO THE DEATH EGG!
WHAT? NO, I LEFT HIM--
THERE'S A HEDGEHOG ON THE WING!
≥SIGH≤ JUST DOCK AND GET IN HERE. THANKFULLY, MY ANTI-SONIC COUNTERMEASURE IS READY TO GO!


HOLY MACKEREL--LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING! NO WONDER EGGMAN WAS TEARING UP EVERYTHING FOR RESOURCES! I'LL BE SURPRISED IF THERE'S ANY METAL LEFT ON THE ACORN ISLANDS!
AND IT'S SO MODESTLY DESIGNED, TOO.
BUT WHAT IS IT? A WEAPON? A ROBOTICIZER? SOMETHING THAT BIG...IT COULD BE BOTH!
I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO BREAK IT LIKE THE REST OF EGGMAN'S TOYS!


GASP!
LET ME IN! LET ME IN! HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME!
TAILS IS FINE, AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M HERE FOR A BIT. I'M IN NO HURRY, MAN.
STILL GONNA KICK YOUR BUTT FOR TRYING TO KILL ME ALL THOSE TIMES. BUT--Y'KNOW-- AT MY OWN PACE.
TOO BAD THIS PLACE IS AN EVIL SPACE BASE. THE VIEW'S PRETTY CHOICE.
THUD!
BWA HA HA HA! WELCOME TO MY DEATH EGG, SONIC--AND YOUR DOOM!
EH...IT'S CATCHIER THAN "SCRAP BRAIN," I'LL GIVE YOU THAT MUCH.


SO I'M GUESSING YOU WANTED THE CHAOS EMERALDS TO POWER THIS THING, HUH? WHAT'S YOUR A/C BILL, MAN?
JOKE WHILE YOU STILL CAN, RODENT! I'VE PROPERLY PREPARED FOR YOU THIS TIME!
YUH-HUH. I'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE.
WHUD


CRUNCH!
OKAY. SUPER BADNIK. MODELED AFTER ME. I'M FLATTERED, EGGMAN! YOU SHOULDN'T--
YOW!
SKRRRIEEEEEEEEEEK!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOT ME OUTCLASSED ON RAW POWER. BUT ALL THAT ARMOR AND OOMPH LOOK LIKE THEY'RE WEIGHING IT DOWN...
YEAH, YEAH. WAY TOO SLOW.


BRAK!
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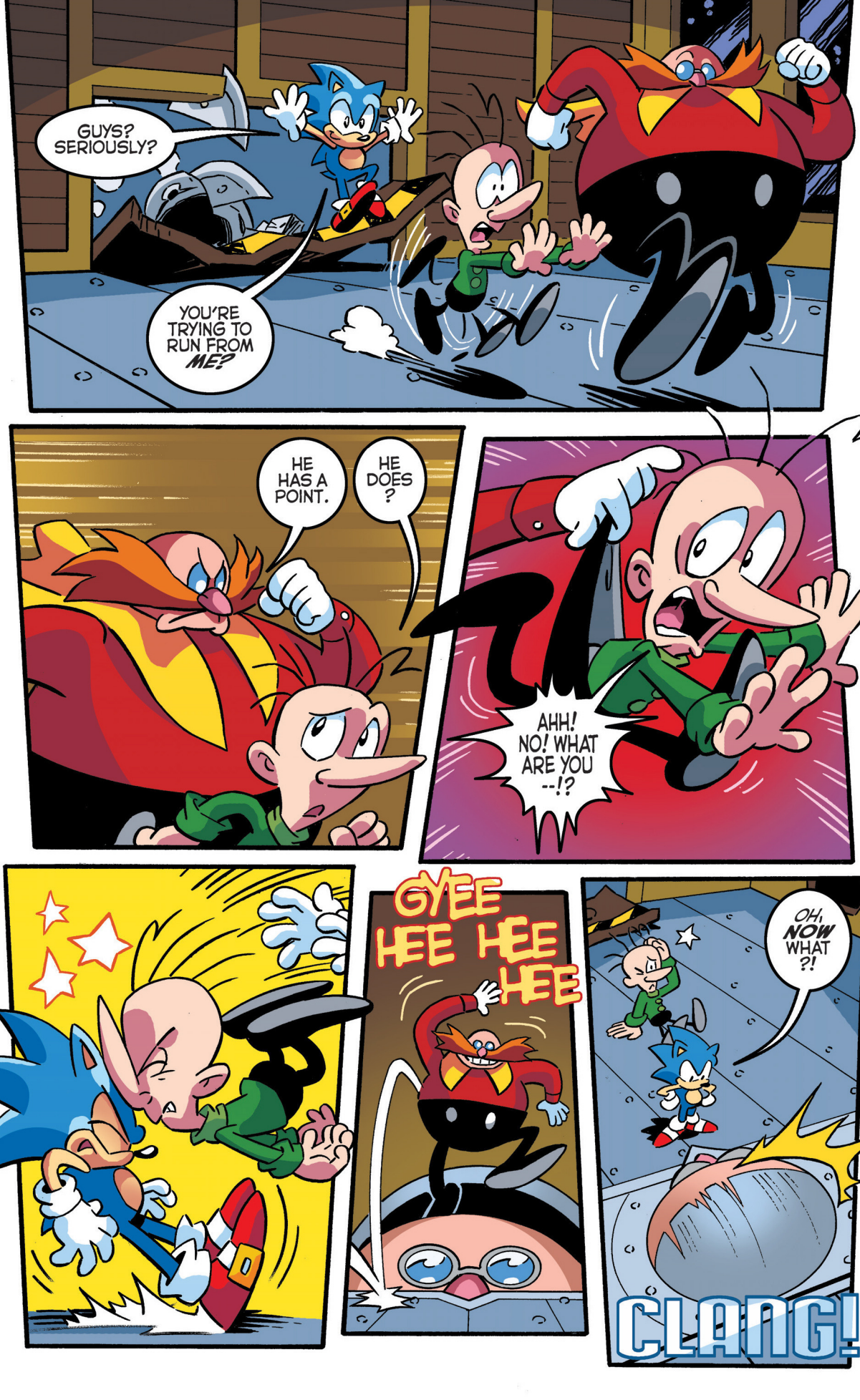
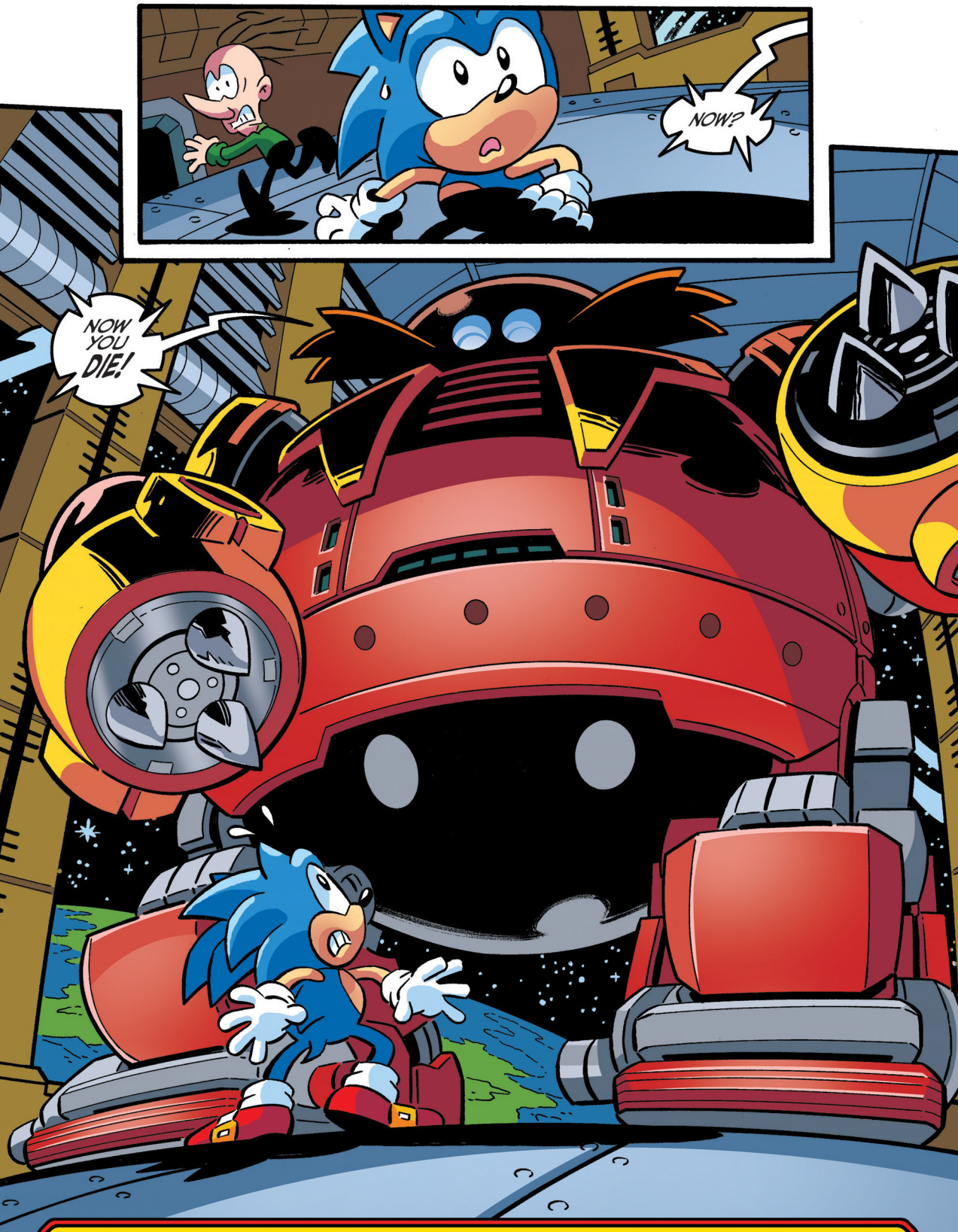
BRAK!
CRASH!


GUYS? SERIOUSLY?
YOU'RE TRYING TO RUN FROM ME?
HE HAS A POINT.
HE DOES ?
AHH! NO! WHAT ARE YOU --!?
GYEE HEE HEE HEE
OH, NOW WHAT ?!
CLANG!

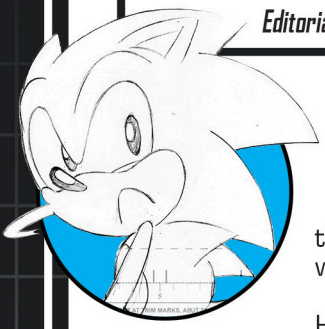


How does this clash of titans play out?
Play it for yourself in *Sonic the Hedgehog 2*
on your gaming platform of choice!

Next time: The celebration continues with a trip to ***Little Planet!***
Until then, don't miss out on all the ***fun*** in *Sonic Universe*,
Sonic Super Digest and *The Graphic Novel Library*!

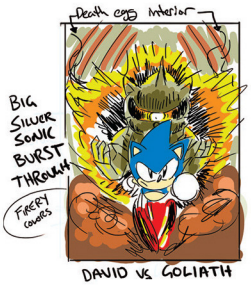
Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that skips over Metropolis Zone 'cause I ain't dealing with Slicers!



HAPPY 2SDAY!

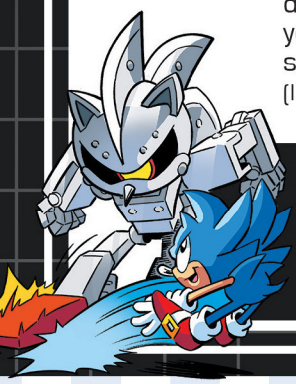
What's good, readers of Sonic? We hope you've been digging our retro journey through Sonic's earliest battles with Dr. Eggman!



The penultimate battle of *Sonic 2* was reimagined for this issue's main cover! Sketch by yours truly and final art by the amazing Patrick Spaziante!

Here at Archie, we strive for quality. Ian, Tracy and the whole Sonic comics crew have been working really hard to stay true to the classic Genesis games right down to the littlest details seen in the levels. Plug in your good 'ol *Sonic 2* cartridge and see for yourself! Wait... you don't know what a cartridge is?!?

(I guess that console that's supposed to be *switching* things up will learn you well!)



Silver Sonic may be large and menacing, but Sonic outclasses it in the speed department!

Anywhoo, *Sonic CD* is next! Which means more evil Sonic robot doubles! YAY! Till then, I'll be spinning in my chair. Weeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!

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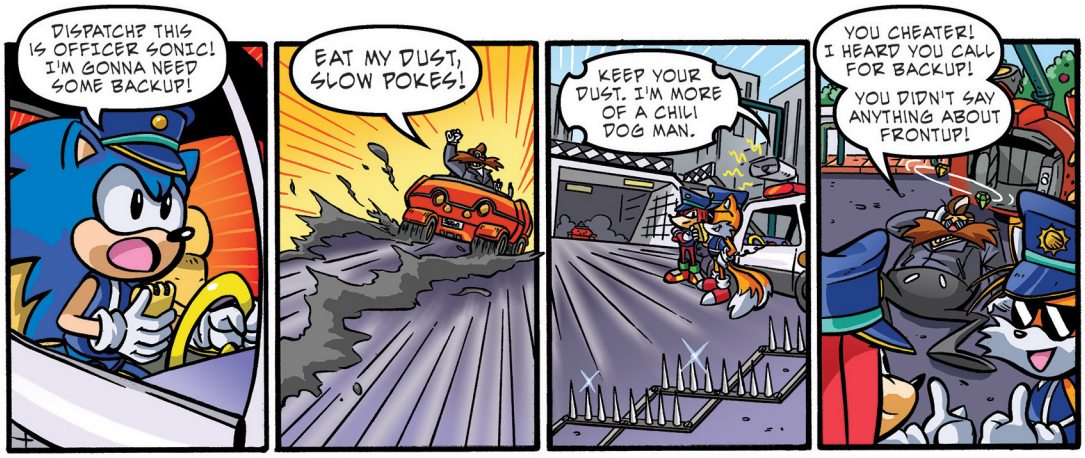
DISPATCH? THIS IS OFFICER SONIC! I'M GONNA NEED SOME BACKUP!
EAT MY DUST, SLOW POKES!
KEEP YOUR DUST. I'M MORE OF A CHILI DOG MAN.
YOU CHEATER! I HEARD YOU CALL FOR BACKUP!
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT FRONTUP!

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